

Proposed Clarification of CALFED Framework for Action

Conveyance – Interties, System Flexibility

The CalFed Framework document describes the potential for water quality exchanges in the San Joaquin Valley in two places: Page 21, Interties, System Flexibility – (3) Facilitate water quality exchanges ... and Page 31, Major Elements of Water Quality Program (5) Facilitate water quality exchanges...

To respond to concerns that there is some sort of “done deal” regarding MWDSC and FWUA relative to FWUA member water supplies, I propose the wording be changed to reflect the true nature of the discussions as follows:

Facilitate water quality exchanges and similar programs ~~to make using high quality Sierra water in the eastern San Joaquin Valley to improve the quality of water available to urban southern California interests.~~ The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Friant Water Users Authority and its member agencies have commenced preliminary discussions to explore ways to accomplish these objectives, as well as improving water supply reliability for the agricultural districts. CALFED will work to facilitate any identified programs and to assure that these efforts are consistent with overall CALFED principles as well as efforts programs to restore the upper San Joaquin River.

- Initiate evaluations and studies of current capabilities and potential infrastructure improvements by December 2000.
- Complete feasibility studies and ~~implement selected demonstration reach~~ agreement on potential projects, if any, by the end of 2001.
- If agreement is reached by MWDSC and Friant members, complete environmental review and begin implementation of a long term program, including necessary infrastructure, by the end of 2004